



## **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**[OMB Control No. 2900-0793]**

### **Agency Information Collection Activity: VA Health Professional Scholarship and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Programs (HPSP and VIOMPSP)**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE**

**OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Brian McCarthy, Office of Regulatory and Administrative Affairs (10B4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov](mailto:Brian.McCarthy4@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0793" in any

correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian McCarthy at (202) 615-9241.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on:

(1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VHA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VHA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Authority: Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521.

Title: VA Health Professional Scholarship and Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professional Scholarship Programs (HPSP and VIOMPSP)

1. Academic Verification, VA Form 10-0491.
2. Addendum to Application, VA Form 10-0491a.
3. Annual VA Employment Deferment Verification, VA Form 10-0491c.
4. Education Program Completion Notice - Service Obligation Placement, VA Form 10-0491d.

5. Evaluation Recommendation Form, VA Form 10-0491e.
6. HPSP Agreement, VA Form 10-0491f.
7. HPSP/VIOMPSP Application, VA Form 10-0491g.
8. Notice of Approaching Graduation, VA Form 10-0491h.
9. Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report, VA Form 10-0491i.
10. Request for Deferment for Advanced Education, VA Form 10-0491j.
11. VA Scholarship Offer Response, VA Form 10-0491k.
12. VIOMPSP Agreement, VA Form 10-0491l.
13. Mobility Agreement, VA Form 10-0491m.
14. HPSP VHVMAESP Agreement, VA Form 10-0491n.

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Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: This is a revision of a currently approved collection, due to legislation that necessitates adding two forms and amending existing forms. The collection of information is essential to implement the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Visual Impairment and Orientation and Mobility Professionals Scholarship Program (VIOMPSP) and the VA Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) which were authorized under Public Law 111-163 on May 5, 2010 and extended through December 31, 2033 by Section 301 of P.L. 115-182, The VA Mission Act of 2018. The passage of this legislation allows VA to provide services to the public by awarding scholarships to non-VA employees who will be required to become VA employees in the professions for which they were educated under these programs. Section 304 of The Mission Act of 2018 authorized the creation of the Veterans Healing Veterans Medical Access and

Education Scholarship Program (VHVMAESP). These programs will help address VA health care workforce needs.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Estimated Annual Burden:

## **VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (VIOMPSP)**

### **APPLICANTS**

<b>VA Forms:</b>	<b># of respondents</b>	<b>x # of responses</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>x # of minutes</b>	<b>Equals (minutes)</b>	<b>÷ by 60 =</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
<b>10-0491g-</b> Application	100	1	100	60	6,000		100
<b>10-0491-</b> Academic Verification	100	1	100	60	6,000		100
<b>10-0491e-</b> Evaluation & Recommendation	100	2	200	50	5,000		83.3
<b>10-0491a-</b> Addendum to Application	30 (30%)	1	30	10	300		5
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>288.3</b>

### **APPLICANTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP**

<b>VA Forms:</b>	<b># of respondents</b>	<b>x # of responses</b>	<b>Equals</b>	<b>x # of minutes</b>	<b>Equals (minutes)</b>	<b>÷ by 60 =</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
<b>10-0491l-</b> Agreement for the VIOMPSP	10	1	10	15	150		2.5
<b>10-0491m-</b> VA Scholarship Mobility Agreement	10	1	10	10	100		1.7
<b>10-0491k-</b> VA Scholarship Offer Response	10	1	10	10	100		1.7
<b>10-0491i-</b> Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report	10	1	10	20	200		3.3
<b>10-0491h-</b> Notice of Approaching Graduation	10	1	10	10	100		1.7
<b>10-0491d-</b> Education Program Completion Notice/Service Obligation Placement	10	1	10	20	200		3.3
<b>10-0491j-</b> Request for Deferment for Advanced Education	2	1	2	10	20		.3
<b>10-0491c-</b> Annual VA Employment/Deferment Verification	10	1	10	10	100		1.7
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>16.2</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL for VIOMPSP</b>							<b>304.5</b>

## **HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (HPSP)**

## APPLICANTS

VA Forms	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
<b>10-0491g-</b> Application	1,700	1	1,700	60	102,000		1,700
<b>10-0491-</b> Academic Verification	1,700	1	1,700	60	102,000		1,700
<b>10-0491e-</b> Evaluation & Recommendation	1,700	2	3,400	50	170,000		2,833.3
<b>10-0491a-</b> Addendum to Application	510 (30%)	1	510	10	5,100		85
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>6,318.3</b>

## APPLICANTS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP

VA Forms:	# of respondents	x # of responses	Equals	x # of minutes	Equals (minutes)	÷ by 60 =	Number of Hours
<b>10-0491f-</b> Agreement for the HPSP	160	1	160	15	2,400		40
<b>10-0491n-</b> Agreement for the VHVMAESP	20	1	20	15	300		5
<b>10-0491m-</b> Mobility Agreement	160	1	160	10	1,600		26.7
<b>10-0491k-</b> VA Scholarship Offer Response	160	1	160	10	1,600		26.7
<b>10-0491i-</b> Notice of Change and/or Annual Academic Status Report	480	1	480	20	9,600		160
<b>10-0491h-</b> Notice of Approaching Graduation	160	1	160	10	1,600		26.7
<b>10-0491d-</b> Education Program Completion Notice/Service Obligation Placement	160	1	160	20	3,200		53.3
<b>10-0491j-</b> Request for Deferment for Advanced Education	48 (30%)	1	48	10	480		8
<b>10-0491c-</b> Annual VA Employment/Deferment Verification	160	1	160	10	1,600		26.7
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>373.1</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL for HPSP</b>							<b>6,691.4</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL for BOTH VIOMPSP and HPSP</b>	<b>(6,691.4 + 304.5 = 6,995.9)</b>	<b>~ 6,996.</b>
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Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,800.

By direction of the Secretary:

**Danny S. Green,**

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*Office of Quality, Performance and Risk (OQPR)*

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

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